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Re: Application of Christian HEMBD  
CORRECTING DEVICE TO COMPENSATE FOR POLARIZATION  
DISTRIBUTION PERTURBATIONS AND PROJECTION OBJECTIVE FOR  
MICROLITHOGRAPHY  
**Assignee: CARL ZEISS SMT AG**  
Our Ref: Q92234

Dear Sir:

The following documents are submitted herewith in connection with the above application for the purpose of entering the National stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 and in accordance with the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

- an English translation of the International Application. Also, enclosed is the first page of WO 2005/001527 A1. The Abstract that appears on the cover page of the pamphlet published by the International Bureau of WIPO is to be used by the USPTO. See MPEP § 1893.03(e).
- three (3) sheets of drawings.
- a Preliminary Amendment.

**A copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney will be submitted at a later date.**

In addition to the documents submitted herewith, it is assumed that copies of the International Application, the International Search Report and cited references, the International Preliminary Examination Report, and any Articles 19 and 34 amendments as required by §371(c) will be supplied directly by the International Bureau, but if further copies are needed, the undersigned will undertake to provide them upon request.

It is expressly requested that the national stage of processing be commenced immediately in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 371(f).

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Respectfully submitted,

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